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1. HAVANA RADIO CHARGES THAT TWO CARGO SHIPS,  
OUTWARD BOUND FROM CUBA, ONE CUBAN AND THE OTHER BRITISH,  
WERE ATTACKED 11 SEPT OFF NORTHERN COAST OF CUBA. WE HAVE  
INFO THAT AN EXILE GROUP CALLED ALPHA-66 (BASED IN PUERTO  
RICO) PROBABLY DID THE JOB. STUDENT EXILE GROUP IN MIAMI  
LAST WEEKEND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ATTACK BLOC  
SHIPS MOVING IN AND OUT OF CUBA. THERE IS GROWING MOOD OF  
FRUSTRATION AMONG REFUGEES AND DANGER OF UNILATERAL  
OPERATIONS AND INCIDENTS IS LIKEWISE GROWING.  
ASSUME YOU NOTING IN PRESS THE SOVIET STATEMENT  
ISSUED 11 SEPT MAKING SWEEPING CHARGES THAT US PREPARING  
CUBA INVASION AND WARNING THAT "IF THIS ATTACK IS MADE, THIS  
WILL BE BEGINNING OF UNLEASHING OF WAR." IMPLICATIONS OF  
THE 4,000-WORD STATEMENT UNDER STUDY. WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER.

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2. REF YOUR REQUEST THAT BNE EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS  
OF DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. FOLLOWING IS PRELIM BNE STATEMENT:

"WHOLE QUESTION SOV MOTIVATIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE  
REASONS WHY SOVS MIGHT CONSIDER INSTALLATION MRDMS, BEING  
EXAMINED IN SNIE BEING DRAFTED FOR USIB NEXT WEEK. BNE  
STILL PERSUADED THAT COSTLY CRASH OPERATION TO INSTALL SA-2S  
IS MORE REASONABLY EXPLAINED BY OTHER THAN DESIRE TO HIDE  
LATER BUILDUP AND THAT SOVS LIKELY TO REGARD ADVANTAGES OF  
MAJOR OFFENSIVE BUILDUP NOT EQUAL TO DANGERS OF US INTERVENTION.  
CUBA LEAKING LIKE SIEVE FROM GROUND OBSERVATION ALONE. THUS  
SUDDEN CRACKDOWN ON REFUGEE FLOW AND LEGAL TRAFFIC WOULD  
BE STRONG INDICATOR OF POSSIBLE DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER  
MILITARY BUILDUP IN SECRET."

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